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SUBJ: DUTCH REACTION TO SOVIET TREATMENT OF SAKHAROV AND OTHERS

1. PRESS REPORTS 16 LEADING DUTCH INTELLECTUALS AND POLITICIANS HAVE CABLED PROTEST TO BREZHNEV AGAINST "GROWING PRESSURE BEING EXERTED AGAINST SAKHAROV AND OTHERS WHO, FAR BEYOND FRONTIERS OF USSR, ARE REGARDED AS SYMBOLS OF FREE EXPRESSION OF OPINION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS." GROUP STATED "WE ARE OF OPINION THIS DEVELOPMENT NOT ONLY SERIOUSLY IMPERILS FURTHER DETENTE IN EUROPE BUT ALSO ITS SUBSTANCE. WE ALSO HAVE IMPRESSION THAT CREDITBILITY OF GENUINE DETENTE IS AT STAKE. WE THEREFORE REQUEST YOU DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO REMOVE PRESSURE BEING EXERTED ON DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN USSR."

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, GRONINGEN UNIVERSITY LABORATORY REPORTEDLY HAS ASKED SOVIET EMBASSY THE HAGUE TO INFORM SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES THAT VISIT TO LABORATORY BY DR. VALENTINA SEVOSTJANOVA HAS BEEN CANCELLED, BASED ON FACT UNIVERSITY WAS "DEEPLY SHOCKED BY RECENT INHUMAN AND UNJUST THREATS AND TREATMENT" OF SAKHAROV, AMALRIK AND OTHERS. SEVOSTJANOVA HAD VISITED UNIVERSITY LAST YEAR UNDER DUTCH-SOVIET CULTURAL EXCHANGE TREAT WHICH LABORATORY IN ITS MESSAGE ASKS BE SUSPENDED UNTIL SOVIET SCIENTISTS AND AUTHORS ARE AGAIN TREATED AS HUMAN BEINGS.

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